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SUBJECT: ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS

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WE MADE REPRESENTATION OF U.S. POSITION ON SUBJECT CONFERENCE TO MFA CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, WEIDINGER, AND URGED THAT GOA CONSIDER SWITCHING ITS VOTE FROM ABSTENTION, AS IT HAD DONE AT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR, TO OPPOSITION IF GOA DECIDES TO REPLY TO ICRC ON QUESTION OF EXTENDING INVITATION TO PRG. WEIDINGER SAID THAT DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN REACHED AND MAY WELL BE POSTPONED UNTIL END OF JUNE WHEN NEW MFA GENERAL SECRETARY HEYMERLE TAKES OFFICE. HE PROMISED THAT OUR ORAL ARGUMENTS AND THOSE CONTAINED IN USG RESPONSE TO ICRC (COPY WAS LEFT WITH HIM) WOULD BE GIVEN VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER AFTER MFA HAS HAD TIME TO FOCUS ON LEGAL AS WELL AS POLITICAL ASPECTS. AT THIS JUNCTURE, WE CAN SAFELY ASSUME THAT GOA WILL NOT OPT FOR INVITING PRG. HOWEVER, DESPITE
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GOA'S DISINCLINATION TO HAVE PRG PARTICIPATE, BEST WE

MAY BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE IS ABSTENTION UNLESS, OF COURSE,
OTHER NEUTRALS (SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND) AND POSSIBLY SOME
OF OUR NATO ALLIES WHO ABSTAINED IN FEBRUARY
CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR WERE TO OPPOSE PRG INVITATION
TO ICRC MEETING.HUMES

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